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“Mandatory Vehicle Insurance”

At a minimum, every vehicle licensed and registered in Washington State must be covered by liability insurance. Excluded from this requirement are those vehicles defined and licensed as a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or a moped.

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.30.020 states in part, “(1)(a) No person may operate a motor vehicle subject to registration under chapter 46.16 RCW in this state unless the person is insured under a motor vehicle liability policy . . .” Proof of motor vehicle insurance must be provided when asked to do so by a law enforcement officer.

Failure to maintain current liability insurance on your vehicle may result in a traffic infraction which carries a fine of \$526.

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